REMARKS

Claims 1-34, 36-43, and 44-50 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for an election of a single species from those specified in the following groups:

Group 1, drawn to figures 1-4;

Group 2, drawn to figures 5-6;

Group 3, drawn to figures 7A-7B;

Group 4, drawn to figure 8; and

Group 5, drawn to figure 9.

Applicants hereby elect Group 2 (Figures 5-6) with traverse as discussed below. Claims readable on elected Group 2 are claims 1, 2, 6-24, 28-34, 36-38, 40-43, and 45.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement to the extent that it separates the figures of Group 1 with those of Group 2. Applicants respectfully point out that Group 2 figures (5 and 6) show the card and case of the Group 1 figures (1-4) in an alternate position (see, for example, specification at page 9, lines 10-13), so claims reading on Groups 1 and 2 should be examined together as a single species. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the restriction between Groups 1 and 2 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Claims readable on Group 1 which should be included with Group 2 are claims 3-5 and 25-27.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any other fee required by this document, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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